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DELEGATES' MEETING OF UKRAIMIAN REPUBLIC DIVISION OF ALL-UNION CHEMICAL SOCIETY IMENI D. I. MENDELEYEV

B. G. Savinov

The second delegates' meeting of the Ukrainian Republic Division of the All-Union Chemical Society imeni D. I. Menleleyev was held at Kiev 28 March 1953. Present at this meeting were representatives of organizations of the society from various cities of the Ukrainian SSR. The delegates represented ten divisions $\sqrt{1}.$ e., local sections7 and comprised about 2,000 chemists, who were members of the Ukrainian Republic Division of the Mendeleyev society.

The neeting heard the current report of A. I. Brodshiy, Ukrainian Republic Division president, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR. Brodskiy who gave an account of the work of the Ukrainian Republic Division and its council since October 1949, when the membership of the council was chosen at the first Ukrainian Republic delegates' meeting. The speaker described in detail the scientiffs work of the local organizations of the Ukrainian Republic Division, the aid rendered by the society to industrial enterprises and to the great construction projects, and the activity of the society in increasing the qualification of chemical cadres as well as in the propagation of chemical knowledge.

The speaker also discussed the participation of Ulrainian sections in the struggle against harmful ideological concepts in chemistry, particularly in methodological questions associated with the theory of structure in organic chemistry. Brodskiy's report also mentioned the great aid which the sections f the Ukrainian Republic Division have giv n to secondary schools on problems of the methodology and practice of teaching chemistry.

Brodskiy also discussed the shortcomings of the work of the Ukrainian Republic Division of the All-Union Chemical Society during the period covered by his report. These shortcomings were given as follows: the still inadequate contact of the council with local sections the scant participation in the society, of workers

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at enterprises of the chemical industry; and the inadequate development of work on the organization of chemical conferences in the Ukraine. Also, according to Brodskiy, the work of the society in the study of the history of chemistry was weak. Moreover, Brodskiy stated, the Ukrainian Republic Division was insufficiently associated with the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, and with the Bureau of Technical Propaganda of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR.

Following Brcdskiy's report, Professor Yu. K. Delimarskiy presented a coreport from the Inspection /literally, revision/ Commission (Revizionnaya Komissiya) of URO. An animated discussion of the reports followed, in which most of the representatives of the local organizations of the society participated: Professor S. Ye. Kharin (chairman of the Odessa section), Docent N. A. Zeligman and Docent D. N. Gritsan (Khar'kov section), Professor A. S. Bruk (chairman of the Dnepropetrovsk section), G. M. Oksengendler (Rubezhansk section, J.I. Kukushkin 'Lisichansk section), Ye. A. Shilov, Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR (Kiev section), Gladushko (cell of the Vinnitsa Superphosphate Plant), I. Ye. Korobchanskiy, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR (chairman of the Stalino section), Ye. S. Burkser, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR (Kiev section), and Kipnis ("Donsoda" plant).

The participants reported on the results of their own work, analyzed the shortcomings in the work of the society, and introduced a number of suggestions for improving the work both of the local organizations of the society and of the council of the Ukrainian Republic Division.

The delegates' meeting adopted an extended resolution in which new, important tasks were emphasized -- tasks which confront the oldest scientific chemical society in the country in connection with the fulfillment of the directives of the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in regard to the Fifth Five-Year Plan. Concrete measures were outlined for the further fruitful development of the society's work in the Ukrainian SSR.

The delegates' meeting, voting by ballot, chose the new membership (26 men) of the council and of the Inspection Commission of the Ukrainian Republic Division of the All-Union Chemical Society imeni D. I. Mendeleyev.

The following men were elected members of the presidium of the council of the Ukrainian Republic Division: Professor A. A. Alent'ev; Docent A. I. Astakhov; A. K. Babko, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; A. I. Brodskiy, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; Ye. S. Burkser, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; A. V. Dumanskiy, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; A. I. Kiprianov, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; Professor O. K. Kudra; Professor O. D. Kurilenko; Professor B. G. Savinov; Ya. A. Fialkov, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; Professor I. A. Sheka; and Ye. A. Shilov, Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR.

Those selected for membership in the Inspection Commission of the URO included the following: Professor Yu. K. Delimarskiy (Kiev), Engineer M. A. Buterovskiy (Kiev), Docent V. L. Pavlov (Kiev), Engineer B. G. Ovcharenko (Dneprodzerzhinsk), and Engineer I. I. Kukushkin (Lisichansk).



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After electing the new council and commission members, the numerous chemists from Kiev present at the meeting heard two reports: one by Professor V. A. Royter entitled "The Contemporary State of the Problem of Catalysis," and another by Professor A. A. Alent'ev entitled "The Tasks of Chemical Science in the Ukraine in the Light of the Directives of the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Regard to the Fifth Five-Year Plan."

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